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LOCAL & AREA NEWS

◆ CANDY TO FALL FROM THE SKY!

Candy will be falling from the skies on Saturday, April 4th. Trinity United Methodist Church is sponsoring a Community Easter Candy Drop at the McMinn County Airport from 10 a.m. to 12 noon that day. Candy will be dropped from a helicopter. There will also be games, crafts, and prizes in the aircraft hangar. Register to participate by calling 745-4939.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE

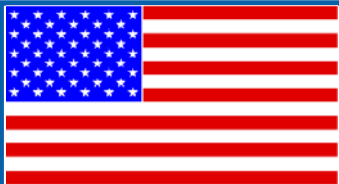
- ✓ The McMinn County Commission will hold its monthly meeting on Monday at 7:30 p.m. in the Blue Room of the Courthouse. The Airport Committee will meet at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the Swift Association's lease.
- ✓ The Athens City Council holds its monthly meeting tomorrow, Tuesday, at 6 p.m. at the Municipal Building.
- ✓ If you missed picking up your commodities this past Thursday in McMinn County, you may pick them up at the SETHRA office any day this week between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.
- ✓ Governor Haslam is launching an initiative that gets communities involved in helping their citizens live healthier. "Healthier Tennessee Communities" is aimed at promoting physical activity, healthy eating, and tobacco abstinence at the local level. Five counties will serve as pilot locations for the program. The counties include McMinn, Rhea, and Loudon. Those counties have agreed to create a local wellness council, name a person or group to lead the effort, and track and measure the program's success.

NATIONAL & STATE NEWS

- ◆ Pakistani Taliban suicide bombers exploded themselves near two Christian churches in Lahore on Sunday as worshippers were gathered inside, killing 14 people.
- ◆ U.S. Border Patrol agents in Texas say they have noticed a disturbing trend. They say there has been a spike in the number of sex offenders trying to sneak into the country illegally.
- ◆ Two homosexual rights groups marched in Boston's St. Patrick's Day parade on Sunday after organizers lifted a longtime ban on gays.

HOUSE DESTROYED BY FIRE

The Riceville and Athens Rural Fire Departments responded to a house fire on County Road 130 early last Friday morning. The house was destroyed, but there were no injuries.
(Photo courtesy of the Riceville Fire Department)



• McMinn Co. T.E.A. Party Calendar

- Mar. 16** Sandra Donaghy
Criminal Court Judge
 - April 6** Dan Evans
Highway Commissioner
 - April 20** Open
 - May 4** John Gentry
McMinn County Mayor
- Meetings 1st & 3rd Monday of each month at 6 pm
SHONEYS, DECATUR PIKE

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WEATHER

Monday - Sunny, with a high of 76
Monday night - Clear, with a low of 47
Tuesday - Mostly sunny, with a high of 72
More Weather & Zoom Radar at: www.wysi.com

Athens, Tennessee

Truck Blocks I-75 For Hours

You may have heard about the tractor-trailer driver who caused traffic on I-75 northbound at the Bradley-Hamilton County line to be blocked for hours last Thursday. Troopers say the driver rear-ended a vehicle in front of him, hit another semi, and then wound up in the median. (Photo provided by Bob Cantley with Tennessee Valley Appraisal services)



Obituaries

- **Ruby Ellen Beck**, age 81, of Athens died last Wednesday at her residence. She worked for Sun Finance Corp. for 22 years and retired from Heritage Pontiac after 9½ years. Funeral services were held Saturday at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home.
- **Evelena Fugate**, age 88, of Decatur died last Wednesday. Funeral services were held last Friday at Bowers Funeral Home.
- **Mildred Nadine Stiner**, age 89, of Ten Mile died last Friday. Funeral services were held Sunday at Bowers Funeral Home.

MEET THE NEW CHIEF

The new chief of the McMinn County Rescue Squad/Athens Rural Fire Department is Sam Cates. Cates replaces longtime chief Harold Eaton. Cates is a veteran member of the rescue squad and has been serving as the assistant chief. (Photo by Jay Thomson)



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*Half his brain is tied behind his back, just to make things fair.

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TODAY IN HISTORY - MARCH 16th

- 1751** - James Madison, our fourth president, was born in Virginia.
- 1787** - German physicist George S. Ohm was born. He discovered the mathematical law of electric currents which is known as "Ohm's Law." The "ohm," a unit of electrical resistance, was named for him.
- 1802** - The United States Military Academy at West Point, New York, was established.
- 1926** - Dr. Robert Goddard launched the world's first liquid-fueled rocket. Goddard is known as the Father of modern rocketry and space flight.
- 1926** - Comedian and singer Jerry Lewis was born. For years, he and Dean Martin were side-kicks and starred in several movies.
- 1966** - Astronauts Neil Armstrong and David Scott docked their Gemini-8 space vehicle with another spacecraft. It was the first successful link-up of two vehicles in space.

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